Ms. 1172

Sir

Salem May 25th 1775

We have heard that the provincial Congreſs are doubtfull of continuing the Lights at Boston Harbor as the Trade of the Province is so farr obstructed as not to afford ye Means of supporting them therefore we are sencible ye Purchase you lately made of us must be very disadvantageous to you — & when we consider your friendship to us in taking ye Supplies of oyl for severall years past Gratitude forbids us to hold you to this Bargain & accordingly we take ye Oyl again at our Risque & are Sir

with Respect

Your very Hum Serv.t

Nath.l Appleton & Co.

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To

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